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- [1](#)B. 07 KYIV 3074
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- [1](#)F. 07 KYIV 2759
- [1](#)G. 07 STATE 150164

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[1](#)1. (C) We provided ref A update on the state of U.S.-Iraq negotiations to develop a Defense Cooperation Agreement (DCA) January 28 to Third Territorial Department Middle East Division Acting Director Mykola Leshchenko and Iraq Desk Officer Mykola Radchenko. In response to our question, Leshchenko said he would consult with his Ministry of Defense colleagues regarding the likelihood that Ukrainian forces would continue their presence in Iraq in 2009. Welcoming our intention to continue consulting with Ukraine and other Multinational Force partners, Leshchenko said he would also relay our points to the Third Territorial Department Director and the Deputy Foreign Minister with responsibility for his geographic area.

[1](#)2. (C) As noted ref F, the current form of Ukraine's participation in Iraq would probably not require legislative involvement. Leshchenko also opined that, on the issue of whether Ukraine would be interested in benefiting as a third party from the U.S.-Iraq DCA, the Ukrainian Ministry of Defense might take its lead from NATO as three Ukrainian military personnel are part of the NATO Training Mission. Reacting to our point that, in the future, foreign military operations in Iraq would require Iraqi consent, Leshchenko commented that bolstering Iraqi sovereignty and sense of responsibility was important, since only the Iraqis could resolve many of the issues currently confronting their country.

[1](#)3. (U) Visit Embassy Kyiv's classified website:
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